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Dear Mr. Amory:

Enclosed is a copy of Background Report No. 1, "Some Psychological Factors Relating to the Projected Big Four Meeting," which has just been prepared by the External Research Division of the Office of Research and Intelligence.

This report is based on public opinion surveys in West Germany, France, Italy, and Great Britain. All of the cases precede the current conciliatory phase in Soviet policy and for that reason some of the information may not accurately reflect current opinion. IRI expects to bring information on significant trends up-to-date in a June Barometer report which will be forwarded to you at a later date.

I hope that this report will be useful to you in your planning in connection with the projected "Big Four" meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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